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Two-Thirds Of All Grades At MWC Are As And Bs

By Beth McConnell
Bullet Staff Writer

Ds and Fs are on the endangered species list at Mary Washington College. As and Bs are on a steady upswing, and a C just does not represent the average anymore.

These trends are the conclusions of the latest study of MWC's grading patterns, which focused on Fall 1993. During that semester, the college gave out 26 percent As, 43 percent Bs, 24 percent Cs, five percent Ds and two percent Fs. Students enrolled at MWC earned a grade point average of 2.88. "B" has become the modal grade," said Roy Weinstock, vice president for planning, assessment and institutional research for the college. "Only if you do not distinguish yourself will you get a 'C'."

The modal grade is the most typical or the most common grade awarded.

In larger departments with more than 50 students, some professors gave high grades almost exclusively. The music performance department reported 95 percent As and Bs with less than one percent Ds and Fs combined, for an overall grade point average of 3.75. Eighty-four percent of the political science students received As and Bs, while less than one percent got Fs, and the department

rated a 3.24 GPA. The business administration department, with the fourth highest enrollment on campus, had 74 percent As and Bs and a GPA of 2.98.

At the low end of the list, Spanish students fell below the average with 58 percent As and Bs, 27 percent Cs, seven percent Fs and a GPA of 2.56. The economics department awarded 14 percent As, 37 percent Bs, 39 percent Cs and averaged a 2.56. Sociology students earned 20 percent As, 41 percent Bs, 30 percent Cs, seven percent Ds and a GPA of 2.70.

Weinstock said, "There are variations across campus. Some departments have more stringent graders. Often the discipline will dictate what sort of grade you get."

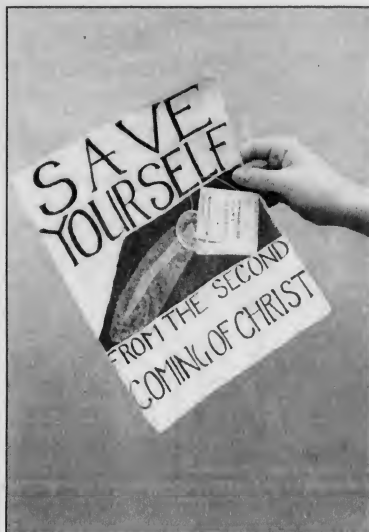
Courtney Weise, honor council president, agreed. "It depends on the professor. Some classes you feel like you've really earned an 'A'. But some professors just give As away. Everyone in the class gets As and Bs."

Chemistry major Kate Glennon said, "Some professors, for fear of grade inflation, have a tendency to grade down. They're concerned more with the curve than what people really got."

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Illicit Condom Flier Posted On Buildings

Student Activities Did Not Approve The "Second Coming"



Brendan Kelly/Bullet

Students found this flier on the door of Seabeck.

By Amy Drewser
Bullet Staff Writer

An unsponsored, unapproved flier which pictures an opened condom and reads "Save Yourself From The Second Coming Of Christ" was placed on the doors of at least two buildings on campus last week, confusing and concerning both students and faculty.

Though the flier was not approved by the Student Activities Office, it did contain the reproduction of a Student Activities approval stamp, which is required by the handbook to be placed on all fliers distributed on campus.

"Students have been coming to me all week about the flier," said Cedric Rucker, associate dean of student activities. "It never would have been approved because it doesn't say anything."

The flier has become a source of debate on campus as to its meaning and purpose, whether it be political, religious, or both.

"I could see if something was going on on-campus like the Stageberg/Rallis debate which brought up fundamentalist Christian discussion, but nothing is going on to warrant this," said senior Jennifer Orr, a Willard

resident assistant, referring to the forum on religion and homosexuality, between Stephen Stageberg, associate professor of economics, and Donald Rallis, assistant professor of geography, during the Spring 1993 semester.

Senior Jason Bryan, president of the GLBSA, said, "I thought the flier was highly offensive and incredibly inappropriate because there are so many problems between the GLBSA and AIDS [peer] educators, and Christian groups. It just causes a tension even though none of those groups are probably responsible for it."

According to Margaret Ray, assistant professor of economics, the ambiguity of the flier hurts its chance of getting any meaning across.

"The message you take away is a sexual one if you focus on the picture and a religious one if you focus on the words," Ray said. "I think whoever put this out needs to think about their marketing strategy," she said.

Even from a purely religious standpoint, the flier is not clear as to its aim.

"Save Yourself" is not scripturally based and, in fact,

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Despite An Increase In Spaces, Commuters Hunt For Spots

By Margaret Edder
Bullet Staff Writer

There are 25 new parking spaces for commuters this year, according to college officials, and 11 fewer commuting drivers but on busy mornings many commuters still complain that they cannot find anywhere legal to park.

The exact number of commuter spaces available has not been officially compiled by the college, according to H. Conrad Warlick, senior vice president for administrative and student services.

Ten commuting student in a series of random interviews conducted by the Bulletin reported having difficulties finding parking. However, Warlick, the college official in charge of parking, said he had heard complaints from only a handful.

"I personally have not received many complaints," Warlick said. "I think fewer than five.... There are plenty of places to park that just don't happen to be always

where people want them to be," Warlick said.

According to Warlick, the college gave 46 parking spaces to commuters this year on Sunken Road and took away 20 spaces from commuters from the Thornton Street parking lot. The college converted those spaces to faculty parking.

Warlick said he did not know how many total parking spaces were available to commuters.

Meanwhile, according to campus police, driving commuting student numbers dropped from 1,393 to 1,382, a drop of 11.

Regardless of these facts, however, a common complaint among commuting students is that there is no place to park near the college after early morning classes begin, and they are sometimes forced to park in illegal spaces in order to get to class on time.

"Do I take the chance of parking illegally and getting to class on time?" junior Justin Davis asked. "Or do I drive around to park legally and be late for class?"

Commuting spaces are available on College Avenue,

Sunken Road, part of Thornton Street lot, Hanover Street. Some spaces are also available near GW Hall and at the Battleground lot.

"There is no parking, if you can't find a place on College Avenue, you are out of luck," said commuting senior Flavia Jimenez.

A frustrating point for many commuting students is to drive by residential parking spaces that are empty and are close to where they want to be—but which commuters cannot legally use. What adds to this frustration, they say, is driving by the new William Street lot that contains 186 spaces—all reserved for residential students.

"We always get pushed to the back," said commuting senior Leslie Fitzgerald. "The new lot always has empty spaces and I don't know why we can't park there. The most frustrating part is seeing empty spots in residential areas."

Another point of irritation, commuters say, is that some faculty members park their cars on College Avenue in spots where commuters can park.

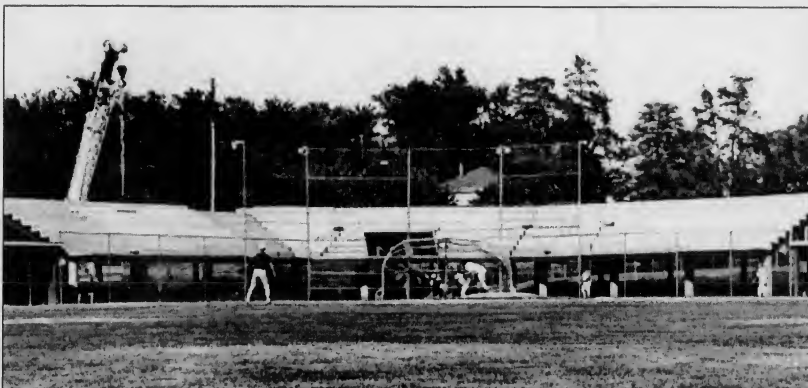
"When I'm on campus I've seen free faculty spots and residential spots," said Susie Milko, another commuting senior. "I've seen faculty members' cars in a commuter space on College Avenue."

This year the college changed the parking status on Sunken Road from residential to commuter-only, but another commuter complaint is that there are no signs posted indicating where these spaces are.

"I think a lot of people did not know about parking on Sunken," said Milko.

"Hardly anyone ever parks on this side of Sunken," agreed sophomore Lydia Turner.

What all this means, commuters say, is they are forced to park illegally or hunt down legal parking spaces far from the college. "It is pretty congested as it is and as soon as it gets cold it will get worse," said Brett Christiansen.



Brendan Kelly/Bullet

Fall Ball practice continues at the newly-renovated stadium at the baseball complex, which will be completed during the Spring 1995 semester.

If You Build It, Will They Come?

With \$510,000 Facelift, College Hopes For Increased Enthusiasm About MWC Baseball

By Bryan Tucker
Bullet Sports Editor

In the spring of 1995, a new concrete and steel baseball stadium will replace the moveable metal bleachers of the past, following a \$510,000 face lift which began two years ago and was paid for by revenue bonds.

The facelift included a concession stand, restrooms and an additional 200 stadium seats in the form of permanent bleachers, according to Richard Miller, vice president for business and finance.

"What we are trying to do is to finish the athletic complex for the benefit of the students. I think it will

be a great thing for this institution to have if the students like it," said Miller.

On average 100 people show up to support the men's baseball team for a typical weekly baseball game, and 300-400 for weekend games, according to Sports Information Director Vince Benigni. The new stadium will now hold 800.

"[The new stadium] will give us one of the best Division III on-campus facilities in the country," said Tom Sheridan, coach of the men's baseball team.

Hegmann said he believes that the stadium should not only be able to

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News Briefs

• The Rappahannock Big Brothers/Big Sisters' Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake will be held Sept. 24 at the AMF Fredericksburg Bowl. A minimum of \$30 of pledges is required to bowl for free and get free shoe rentals. Call Vince Benigni at 899-4378 for information or to sign up team.

• Applications for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges are available at the Information Desk in the Woodard Campus Center and in the Office of Dean of Students, 200 Lee Hall. Seniors and juniors who have an acceptable academic average with co-curricular activities are eligible to apply. Applications are to be completed and returned to the Office of Dean of Students by 5 p.m. Oct. 17.

• The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is offering a fellowship to U.S. citizens who have received a bachelor's degree by August 1995 and have completed the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). The fellowship program provides full payment of tuition, fees, books, a monthly stipend of \$1,800 and a \$5,000/year cost of education allowance. For applications and additional information, contact Rosa Etta Cox at (615)576-9279 or Tom Richmond at (615)576-2194.

• The Student Government Association and the Rappahannock Health Advisory Council and Germanna Nursing School will be cosponsoring a forum on health care reform. Featured will be Congressman Herb Bateman and specialists in the field. It will be held Sept. 28 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium in George Washington Hall. For information call 899-4009 Ext 294, local or (703)423-1333 Ext 294, out of town.

• The Senate Community Relations Committee and the

Commuting Student President will co-sponsor a forum between community members and commuting students on Oct. 5 from 7-9 p.m. in Monroe Hall, Room 104.

• A performance by the Aztec Dancers will be held on Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Woodard Campus Center, Great Hall. It is free and open to the public.

• On Oct. 1, "Fiesta Latina Day" will be held in Ball Circle from noon to 5 p.m. featuring El Teyrona and Voces de Chile at 3 p.m.

• The deadline to declare a major in order to register as a declared major in Fall 1994 (for Spring 1995 classes) is Sept. 23.

• The MWC Center for Graduate and Continuing Education is offering classes to the public this fall in the following areas: professional skills, personal development and business. Class dates vary, with the first class beginning Sept. 29 and fees will range from \$49 to \$149. Call (703) 899-4628 for a complete class listing or to register.

• The archaeological work at the Enchanted Castle Site at Germanna Community College will be open to the public Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The rain date will be Sept. 25. For more information, contact the Center for Historic Preservation at (703) 899-4037.

• There will be a Southern Africa Field Program information meeting Sept. 27 from 5:45-6:45 p.m. in Monroe 301. For more information about the program or to obtain an itinerary, please contact Dr. Donald N. Rallis at (703) 899-4475 or via internet: drallis@s850.mwc.edu or Stephen LeMoine at (703) 899-4662.

POLICE BEAT

By Rick Schettler
Bulletin Assistant News Editor

Theft

• On Sept. 12 a student attempted to steal pamphlets from the library. The incident was reported on Sept. 13 and is still under investigation.

• On Sept. 12 a bicycle valued at \$400 was reported stolen from the front of Virginia Hall.

• On Sept. 15 a generator was reported stolen from the Brompton Barn. The generator belonged to the school and was valued at \$300.

• On Sept. 15 two students were seen carrying CDs and running across College Avenue from the Thornton Lot. Police checked the cars in the lot and found no signs of theft from the cars.

• On Sept. 15 a backboard to the basketball hoop was reported stolen from the parking lot behind the physical plant. The backboard was valued at \$200.

Intoxication

• On Sept. 14 a complaint was received concerning three intoxicated residential students. Two students were found with blood alcohol content (BAC) levels of 0.039

and 0.045 and were sent to their dorms. A third student was found with a BAC of 0.09 and was taken to the health center.

• On Sept. 17 an intoxicated student was found on College Avenue with a BAC of 0.13 and was taken to the health center.

Misc.

• On Sept. 16 a parent was struck with a water balloon in Ball Circle. The parent could not identify who threw the balloon.

• On Sept. 12 a student suffering from low blood sugar in Seacoast Hall was taken to the hospital.

• On Sept. 12 Jessica Coffman of Iowa and Guy Redlin of Wisconsin were found soliciting magazines in Bushnell Hall. Both charged with trespassing and were barred from campus.

• On Sept. 13 a student suffered from an asthma attack and was taken from the health center to the hospital.

• On Sept. 14 a student in New Hall suffered from an asthma attack and was taken to the hospital.

Grade point average in relation to academic department

Spring 1993

Academic Department	Total Student Enrollment	Grade Point Average
INAF	1	4.00
MUPR	328	3.75
LIBS	16	3.44
GREK	15	3.40
ARTS	131	3.33
EDUC	355	3.30
PSCI	687	3.24
HEED	144	3.23
IDIS	76	3.20
LING	166	3.15
DRAM	332	3.11
DANC	133	3.09
ARTH	530	3.08
PHIL	313	3.03
BUAD	910	2.98
ENGL	1425	2.98
AMST	45	2.98
HIST	1239	3.27
EESC	44	2.91
SPCH	66	2.89
ITAL	65	2.89
COLLEGE	--	2.88
HISP	378	2.87
MUHL	279	2.86
PHYS	257	2.86
CLAS	153	2.84
RELG	320	2.78
PSYC	989	2.77
ANTH	186	2.76
FREN	209	2.73
GEOG	619	2.70
SOCG	547	2.70
GERM	100	2.67
CPSC	315	2.64
MATH	777	2.64
MUTH	111	2.63
CHEML	375	2.58
ECON	539	2.56
SPAN	350	2.56
BIOL	851	2.55
GEOL	231	2.54
LATN	41	2.53
RUSS	43	2.46

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The Mary Washington College Academic Catalogue defines an A as unusual excellence in academic performance; B as work distinctly above average; C as work of average or medium quality; D as work of below average quality; and F as failure. However, according to the percentages above, the most common or "average" grade at MWC is a B.

For some faculty members, the increase in high grades represents falling grading standards. Roy Gratz, professor of chemistry, expressed his concern over grade inflation at the March 3, 1993 faculty meeting. Chemistry professors gave out 15 percent As, 41 percent Bs, 33 percent Cs, six percent Ds and three percent Fs, with a department average of 2.58 in the Fall 1993.

Gratz showed that the average grade is B rather than C, and that students will probably continue to receive more and more As and Bs and fewer Cs, by presenting diagrams he had compiled, based on information distributed by Weinstock's office.

For instance, the percent of As and Bs combined for the spring semesters of 1985-92 topped out in 1992 at over 70 percent, while the past spring semester's As and Bs totaled 72 percent, according to Gratz's information. Fall 1993 As and Bs added to 69 percent, but grades are usually lower in the fall than in the spring, said Gratz. Cs dropped from 30 percent in 1992 to 23 percent in 1993.

During the meeting, the faculty discussed changing the definitions of grades to help stem grade inflation. They also discussed raising standards of grading so every professor would be forced to give less As and Bs and more Cs. Although several faculty members expressed their concern with truth in grading, they voted only to keep the present definitions of the grades. The percentages of As and Bs, meanwhile, kept climbing.

Others see the inflation as a reflection of rising quality of the student body. Paul Zisman, chairman of the education department, prefers to factor in the stronger abilities of the students. He said, "We haven't changed the standards so much. The students got better."

Zisman said grade inflation means giving more As and Bs than years before and continuing to do so in following years. "At a certain point this devalues the currency," he said.

He also said, however, that what is considered average changes according to the student body. As students' abilities and accomplishments increase, so do the numbers of high grades and high grade point averages.

Martin Wilder, vice president of admissions and financial aid, agreed with Zisman's assessment, affirming that incoming students are getting better and better. The average high school GPA for the freshman class was 3.49. He said, "It's been pretty high for the past several years. We attract a very competitive academic pool. I would put our freshman class profile up against any college's or university's."

Aside from more competent students, Zisman also said that many professors grade according to individual performance, rather than standardized tests. Music, art, drama and dance classes and student teaching would all fall into this category. "You can think of grades as one, indicating the amount of the material learned [performance grading] or two, how well the student does in relation to others," Zisman said.

He said performance courses are usually graded higher. "If [the education department] gave a C as average, our students would not get a position [in a school system]."

Forty-two percent of the education students earned As, 47 percent Bs and 10 percent Cs with a GPA of 3.30. Art students took home 90 percent As, 9 percent Bs and 1 percent Cs.

Ds and Fs combined. The drama department awarded eighty percent As and Bs with a GPA of 3.11.

Zisman said the question should be, whether or not the grade reveals class ranking or individual achievement. He said he personally thought the faculty should raise grading standards, yet he would not want to ruin students' chances at graduate school.

Students say they need high grades to compete with more reputable schools, even though, according to Wilder, MWC is among the top ten percent of schools with strict admissions policies. Junior Scott Wagener, a biology major, said, "We need good GPAs to get into graduate schools. If the school raises its grading standards, how will a Mary Washington 'C' compare with a Harvard 'C'?"

Weinstock said that the grade inflation at MWC is not unique. "It's typical across the country in quality institutions. It is in no way surprising."

For instance, the June 1994 issue of Time magazine reported that 93 percent of all grades awarded at Stanford University have been As and Bs. Those figures may change, however, when Stanford revokes a 24-year-old policy and reintroduces a failing "Not Passed" grade in 1995-96.

Also according to Time, students at Stanford can drop a class up until the day of the final exam. At Arizona State, students can wait until two weeks before the end of the semester to call it quits. These allowances make it almost unheard of for students to get poor grades.

At MWC, students have three weeks to drop a class without the class appearing on their permanent records, and almost two months before students have to decide if they want to withdraw passing/failing, a designation that appears on their transcript yet does not affect their GPA. Weinstock said, "Our rule for dropping classes, I would say, is more stringent than other institutions."

Weinstock cited societal pressure as a major cause for students working for and professors subsequently awarding higher grades. "Expectations students have about high grades are established in high school. There's tremendous pressure in society on students doing well — parental pressure, thinking about the job market. The faculty is aware that the students are working hard, getting the best grade allowable. Students are also more often challenging the professor, asking why they didn't get a higher grade," Weinstock said.

Zisman agreed that students are pressured to perform well, saying that grades can have a harmful effect of scholarship. "Students tend to want the grade and not the knowledge," he said, "A grade is really a label, not a description of what you know."

Zisman said he would prefer a system in which each student is individually evaluated. Professors could write a description of the exact progress each student makes. Therefore institutions could identify exactly what the student learned instead of relying on GPA. Graduate schools and employers would also have more information.

Junior Marc Todd, a psychology major, said, "Students need those As and Bs. Especially coming out of high school where people get really really high grades. If you don't get at least a 'B', then you feel like you've failed."

The psychology department reported a below-the-college-average 64 percent As and Bs, and a GPA of 2.77. Biology students got the most Ds with 12 percent. Overall the department had a 2.55. The lowest GPA in the study came from the geology department. They earned a 2.54.

The English department had the largest enrollment with 1,425 students and was the thirteenth highest GPA at 3.04. Seventy-three percent of its majors got As or Bs. Music performance, education and studio arts filled the top three highest GPAs.

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--Paul Zisman
chairman of the education department

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hold normal size attendance games but also special events Family Weekend, Homecoming as well as regional and national tournaments. "If you build a facility that would hold normal attendance, what normal is now, might not be what normal is three years from now, that's how you get in a very dangerous situation with standing room only," said Hegmann.

In 1992, the baseball fields at the Battleground hosted the NCAA South Regional Tournament. In MWC's first game, 425 fans paid to get in, and in the Eagles' next game against Virginia Wesleyan only 210 showed up, due to rain. The regional tournament is usually held in the middle of May after school has already recessed.

The baseball team has gone to the NCAA Tournament in each of the last four years, one of only ten teams in the nation to do so. The men's team has also been ranked in the top 20 for the last five years. However, the success of the baseball team had nothing to do with the building of the new stadium, according to Hegmann and Miller.

"I never heard anybody say you are doing really good, let's build a stadium in your honor," said Hegmann.

Lights and the ability to play only one field makes MWC unlikely to host an NCAA Tournament. However, the national NCAA Tournament was held last year in Battle Creek, Michigan, with only one lighted field. If MWC holds the eight-team double-elimination national tournament without lights, the tournament would take days.

According to Miller, lights for the baseball stadium never came up during the discussion due to cost and possible negative community reaction. "It's a fun thing to do to go to a baseball game, sit in a stadium, get a hotdog and a Coke, and sit down and watch the game," said Miller.

The Battleground Complex has already been host to numerous high-profile tournaments over the recent years. In 1993, the Battleground entertained the Field Hockey National Championships and the NCAA Division III South Region Tournament for Men's Soccer. A much-improved baseball facility, combined with the success of the baseball team could bring regional and national tournaments.

According to Hegmann, the biggest problem with the field was the lack of restroom facilities. Previously, the only form of relief for fans was one port-a-potty. The only other restroom facilities will receive permanent bleachers on the other side of the complex, directly behind the main soccer field and at the physical plant.

"This [lack of bathrooms] is something that was really concerning people and causing discomfort particularly in doubleheaders," said Hegmann.

The Board of Visitors passed unanimously a \$1.3 million package, and allocated a portion of the money to improvements at the Battleground Complex, approximately two to three years ago. According to Miller, The soccer fields will receive permanent bleachers in the fall, possibly in time for the end of the season, which will cost \$69,863.

Six tennis courts will be added to the original 10, classes to the public this fall during the late spring or early summer. The tennis courts have now been a work-in-progress for close to two and a half years, similar to the baseball stadium. Miller estimated the cost of 50 additional parking spaces and the tennis courts at \$250,000.

"I think the players are very appreciative of that facility being built and will certainly take a lot of pride in it," said Sheridan.

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Contrary to what scripture says — by God's grace one is saved," said senior Rik deVost, an RA in Alvey. "In my opinion, this incident reflects just another individual's immature and irrelevant way of expressing his or her own commentary on Christianity and modern culture."

However, some students dismissed the flier as simply some kind of prank and not worthy of consideration. "It doesn't say anything," said junior Jeremy Cline. "It's just in poor taste."

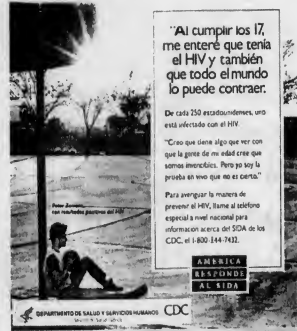
Joanne Beck, vice president of student affairs and dean of students, showed concern over the flier and students' understanding of the nature of Student Activities. "What we do is say what is likely to happen if an organization puts out a flier that is likely to meet disapproval," she said. "We don't censor, but we do educate. We ask the organization if they are prepared to deal with the reaction of an offended group."

Rucker explained that any flier approved by Lori Turner, administrative assistant for student activities, Elizabeth Whiston-Dean, assistant dean for student activities, or himself, must include what event it is advertising, where and when the event will take place, and who will sponsor it. For each flier, there must be a student organization to hold accountable by the Student Activities office, in the case someone has a question or concern about it.

"It is not our position to censor materials. That would infringe upon academic freedom and freedom of speech," Rucker said. "Our approval does not mean endorsement," he said.

In accordance with the "Second Coming" flier, some students would like to see people take responsibility for exercising this freedom of speech.

Heather Mullins, president of the Student Government Association, said, "I wish the responsible party would fess up and explain. It would further whatever cause they were attempting to champion. I would allow the rest of us some kind of understanding."



On Campus Walk

GW Basement Floods

Four weeks ago, as the Fredericksburg area was deluged by five inches of rain in approximately one hour, the main MWC drainage line backed up and the basement of George Washington Hall flooded.

As of last week, repairs to the flooded hall were complete. They included ripping out carpet, removing a well-warped hardwood floor to replace it with plywood, and installing improved "sump pumps" in the windowwell and the outside stairwell.

According to Stuart Sullivan, the Physical Plant's maintenance control director, the incident was not due to any inefficiency in construction but simply a case of too much rain at one time. "These drains just can't handle it," he said.

Both Sullivan and Grant Angel, the safety director, claim that although there is always the possibility of flooding in basement areas, other academic buildings and residence halls are, on the whole, safe from future deluges. "We're looking into getting a contract to seal some of the basements better," Sullivan said. "In the '30's, '40's, and '50's they just didn't know how to seal them that well."

Angel said that occasionally maintenance crews have to make sure there is no debris in the lines at the lowest points on campus mainly at Marshall Hall. As long as they are consistently kept clear, there's no real threat. Otherwise, the buildings at MWC are safe and secure for future rains.

-L. Buckley Fountain

Bullet Named Finalist

The Mary Washington Bulletin was recently named a Pacemaker Finalist by the Associated Collegiate Press and the Newspaper Association of America Foundation.

Out of the 150 newspapers that entered the competition, only 40 were named Finalist, 20 of which are four-year non-dailies. Included in the non-daily category are the James Madison University Breeze, the Emory University Wheel, the Tulane University Hullahaloo, the Carnegie Mellon University Tartan, the Pepperdine University Graphic Weekly and the California State University Orion.

Fifteen finalists will be selected by the New Orleans Times Picayune and finalists will receive an award during the ACP/CMA College Media Convention Nov. 3-6 in New Orleans.

-Jill Golden

Senate Beat

By Carl Poole
Bulletin Staff Writer

New hall senator, Ben Sutton was elected senate vice-president, defeating senator Chris Stewart in a vote senate this Wednesday.

Legislative action committee member Geoff Hart informed the senate that the Assembly House Committee for Courts and Justice will be holding a public hearing Thursday, Sept. 22 concerning the abolition of parole and the truth in sentencing policies now going through special session of the general assembly.

SGA president Heather Mullins also came to invite members of senate to an interest meeting for the newly formed credit union committee on Wednesday night. Todd Palcic, senate president stated that credit union services could be offered as early as this semester.

Welfare committee chair Mark McClure reported to senate that telecommunications can't be installed in New Hall or Alvey Hall any earlier than Sept. 1995, but according to Conrad Warlick, construction has moved into Ball, Madison, and Custis Halls and work in Mason Hall should be completed by the end of the month.

McClure also stated that the Welfare committee is planning to use community standards to push for 24-7 visitation, because of the plan's less than optimistic

review from dean of students Joanne Beck. McClure plans to use other options in pushing for 24-7 reform in the future.

Community relations committee announced their plans to hold a community panel forum to discuss community concerns on Oct. 5. The panel will include four off-campus students, four members of the community, MWC Police Chief Greg Perry and Fredericksburg's Chief of Police Jim Powers.

Brenna Wolf and Mike Dugan of the Handbook revision committee made a motion that senate as a whole adopt this year's amendment to the handbook on incense and candle possession. This motion, which will be effective this year, will allow for students to have candles and incense in their rooms, but it is still prohibited to burn them. The motion passed.

Senator of Tyler house, Maura Kurtz motioned that the special interest houses be kept in their current capacity next year, as resident housing for their prospective special interests. The motion passed.

Nathan "Nate" motioned that Senate forbid campus recruitment by organizations such as the Marine Corps that, "do not comply with the college's statement of non-discrimination." The motion failed.

Welfare Committee received a pair of motions for improvement of library services, the first from Andelynn Tapscott asking to extend library hours to one'clock and another from Adam Smith to look into installing word processors. Both passed.

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OPINIONS

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The facility to the baseball field is almost complete, and what do we, Mary Washington students, have to show for it? New bleachers that hold 800 people rather than 600. (Like the stands were full before. Come on, really -- do they really expect that many fans to go to ANY game with the exception of the World Series?) We have a new concession stand that will no doubt get us coming and going just the way the rest of the food service establishments on campus do. We also have new bathrooms. A wonderful idea, but the only time there is ever an overflow to the bathrooms is Homecoming Weekend and tournament weekends, in which case the port-o-potties do just fine, thank you. Here are some suggestions for ways that heaping sum could have been used in more, shall we say, productive ways:

1. **Donations to the telecommunications fund.** New Hall, Alvey, Custis, Mercer, Madison, Ball, Virginia, etc. would love to have phones sooner than next fall, a relatively new luxury to some rooms here at MWC even though it is almost the year 2000. Westmoreland and Willard would be ecstatic to receive wiring for the telecommunications system that is being paid for by residents of those dorms without having the actual product. Commuters also get to join in the fun of paying for something that not only do they not have, but that they don't need at their home off-campus. Then there is the added possibility that they're paying for cable on campus as well as at home.

2. **Fixing the plumbing in New Hall.** How many times does a toilet have to overflow or the lobby flood before someone finally gets a clue?

3. **Build a new computer lab.** Upgrading a few of the computers and adding some of the few we already have might just help students avoid camping out in Trinkle. And while we're spending this money, buy some new printers, too. The ones we have are old and feeble.

4. **Renovate Dodd Auditorium.** If anyone has long legs, forget attempting to find a comfortable position within a six-inch leg room radius. And don't bother wearing shorts -- whatever that material is on those seats, it wasn't intended to be sat on by humans. It hurts.

5. **Build one more parking lot.** The commuters would be happy for life.

6. **Keep this liberal arts college just that: a LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE.** This is not a liberal sports college. Keep the dance major and the language houses. Please.

7. **Fix the women's softball field before it falls completely down the hill.** Enough said.

Parole For Prisoners?

Governor George Allen's proposed parole bill will do away with parole for prisoners. At first this sounds like a decent idea; put criminals away for good. But the repercussions of this bill defeat its purpose.

Keeping criminals behind bars for their full terms means more prisoners and, naturally, more prisons to house them. So Virginia will need more prisons under this bill. New prisons cost money and when it is time for the government to spend more money, where does it usually come from? Yes, education will be cut under this new parole bill. Now education can suffer for other people's mistakes.

This new bill simply offers a band-aid solution. Instead of going in and really addressing the problems of crime at its roots, the issues will be covered up with short-term solutions.

Spending money on prison bills is not going to eradicate crime. Rather than spend the money to send these criminals away for a long period of time, go to the origin and focus on stopping the problem before it has a chance to begin. Improving the quality of education in America should be a number one priority. Educated people are simply less likely to be out there stealing, assaulting, dealing drugs and causing trouble for society.

Education helps in many ways. With knowledge comes confidence, pride and dignity. If a rapist had possessed all of these qualities, a rape would not have occurred. True, educated people do still commit crimes, but that just makes the case for improving education even stronger. If that money was spent on schools, and education had the opportunity to keep improving, the quality of people coming out of these schools would improve too. The money used on the prisons could help make the price of higher education more accessible to students.

But, instead of turning potential criminals into proud, confident, ideal members of society, the parole bill will just keep sending these people into the lock-up, and we will see the cycle of violence continuing in our country.

Benefits Proposal "A Rejection Of Absolute Truth"

By Stephen Stageberg
Guest Columnist

It is important to understand that the proposal concerning benefits for same-sex partners of Mary Washington faculty and staff is a minor issue which, however, is a symptom of a far greater problem in American society; the decline into relativism and rejection of absolute truth.

The implication of extending benefits in this proposal is that we would be redefining the family, from a husband and wife to any two people, married or not, opposite sex or not.

When I raised an objection to such a policy, one student cited society as already having redefined the family. That is to say, a "family" is relative to the time period and society in which it occurs. That does sneak volumes about where we are today. Even government decisions are based not upon what is right or necessary, but upon what is expedient relative to opinion polls.

Today, truth is whatever anybody wants to make of it. If I believe in the existence of God and

you do not, then hey, that is OK for me and OK for you. We both can go away happy -- don't worry that our beliefs are mutually exclusive. However, one of us has to be absolutely wrong. Yet our society bases much of its values on such contradictory logic.



Stephen Stageberg

For example, tolerance certainly is a worthwhile attribute, but it has seemingly become the foremost goal and value of higher education, not the search for lasting truth. A few years ago, one of the college's deans stated, "We refuse to tolerate intolerance."

The college could not possibly hold to this principle as stated and maintain responsibility to it without getting entangled in a web of contradictions. Such a belief system creates a situation in which no rational person can be certain of anything that may change today, tomorrow, or next year. The only logical conclusion one can make is that the world is bewilderingly chaotic and uncertain.

Adam and Eve sought their own knowledge of good and evil separate from God's wisdom. This pride on their part led to the fall of man into

the despair of sin, suffering and evil. Yet, God is the only rational/logical way out of this predicament of chaos and uncertainty. He is alive and intimately involved daily in this world. It is he "who commands the sun not to shine, and sets a seal upon the stars." Above all he is a loving God: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son..." Unfortunately, this is where most people want to stop when inquiring about God's truth. They conclude that if he is a loving God, then he will ultimately "save" everyone. The problem here, though, is that God has revealed that in his love for us he rules with perfect justice.

God has clearly revealed to us what is necessary to be declared just before him. "I am the way, the truth and the life," said Jesus. "No one comes to the Father but through me." Absolutely. Sadly, few will accept his gracious offer and many will take the easy way resulting in eternal separation from him.

What then are these guidelines which God has provided for living justly before him? Jesus, when asked what is the greatest commandment, responded, "To love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself." Then he added, "If you love me, keep my

commandments." Included in these commandments is Jesus' warning against all kinds of sexual immorality. In his first letter to the early Christian church in Corinth, the apostle Paul clearly states that those who participate in sexual immorality, including homosexuality, shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But there is always the opportunity for repentance, a sincere confession of sin and desire for a changed way of life. Personally, I know that I sin daily and need God's mercy to forgive my sins.

I test assured that "if we confess our sins, God who is merciful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Therefore, if we are to follow Jesus' example of loving our neighbors, including homosexuals, we must patiently share with them the hope and peace that lie only in faith in Jesus Christ. However

in today's world such actions bring condemnation upon us. The truth is, if we remain silent, then we are truly condemning homosexuals.

Stephen Stageberg is an associate professor of economics.

Today, truth is what anybody wants to make out of it... our society bases much of its values on contradictory logic.

Alternative Methods Needed For Branding Cattle

By Patricia L. Metzger
Guest Columnist

Cattle imported from Mexico come with the letter "M" branded on their faces, a requirement of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Over the years, millions of terrorized animals have been forced into a "squeeze-chute" which immobilizes the head between two bars. Sharp steel piners clamped to the nostrils pull the head to one side, then a red-hot branding iron presses onto the face, burning hair and searing flesh. (Sometimes the flesh catches fire.)

The animals scream in anguish

and their eyes bulge as they painfully struggle to free themselves. Pictures of this barbaric practice (The Washington Post, Sept. 18, 1994, page C5) show a terrified young steer slowly disappearing in a cloud of smoke from his own burning flesh.

There is simply no excuse for the excruciating suffering these unanesthetized animals endure. Available alternatives to mark

cattle from Mexico include indelible dye tattoos and microchip implants.

In response to public outrage over the continued practice of face-branding, the USDA has a proposal under study which would move the brand to a less sensitive area near the tail.

Moving the blistering and pain is only a small step toward eliminating this suffering; but, from looked at from

the perspective of a cow or steer, it is a major step.

The USDA will accept public comments on this proposal until Oct. 24, 1994. The Coalition for Non-Violent Food urges immediate public pressure to ensure swift USDA action. Even if you eat steak every day, please help this unnecessary torture by sending your comments (refer to Docket #93-006-2) to: USDA, Room 804, Chief, RAD, APHIS, 6505 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Md. 20782.

Patricia Metzger is an associate professor of business administration.

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Jealousy Threatens Feelings Of Security

By Bernie Chirico
Guest Columnist

Dear Dr. C:
I am having trouble with jealousy. I watch others being overly jealous of friends or boyfriends and I feel myself also being too jealous. I'm told jealousy will always be a part of life, to accept it and deal with it better. I find this very frustrating. I thought it was something one grows out of. Is it natural? What are some ways to deal with it?

Dear Slightly Green-eyed:

It's nice to know that your eyes are only tinted with jealousy rather than fully green, otherwise the envy could become totally debilitating to you and extremely aggravating to those around you. Jealousy appears at first to be a human condition, but the aggravation and debilitating effects alone indicate that natural or not it needs to be controlled. If you observe children playing, you will notice behavior that we often interpret as envy or jealousy present during their interactions. There is a lesson for all of us in that. Jealousy is an adult label for an emotion from an earlier time in our developmental history; a time when we are so focused on ourselves and so unsure of our world that we interpret the actions of others as a

threat to the Self. As we mature, some do better than others at shedding this skin of insecurity which can leave us so vulnerable. This continued

vulnerability into adulthood originates from the interaction of psychological, sociological and biological factors too numerous to mention, not always well understood, and often too specific to each individual to make clear in a response to your letter.

When you are unsure of yourself there is a tendency to "mind read," to guess at the other person's thoughts, feelings, and motives and then react as if your mind reading were true. What's worse, not only are your guesses most often inaccurate, they are seen through the glasses of self-doubt that you are wearing. What often happens, then, is that all you think, see and feel is negative, about you and about the motives of those around you. What to do? Certainly becoming aware of and trying to reduce your mind reading and the consequent negative thoughts are a good start. Looking for the "proof" of the good in who you are and go helps as it begins to

tame the negative self-perceptions. Beginning to understand your own developmental history and what led you to who you are now might be useful as well. Perhaps the toughest thing, though, and the most helpful, would be to attempt to have an authentic relationship with those individuals with whom you are truly friends. Best friends, romantic or otherwise, deserve honest and open

communication. It cuts down on the mind reading and the subsequent acting and reacting based on half-truths or no truth at all. Sounds simple, doesn't it? Try it. The most difficult task we have in life is becoming real because of the risk involved; it's well worth the effort. It is truly a liberating experience. Learning to speak openly and honestly about yourself and to those around you that you care about in such a way as to respect their rights and yours is not easy. The horse in Margery Williams' "The Velveteen Rabbit" had it right: becoming Real doesn't often happen to people who break easily, or have sharp edges, or who have to be carefully kept, but once you are Real you cannot become unreal; it lasts for always.

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Ask Dr. C

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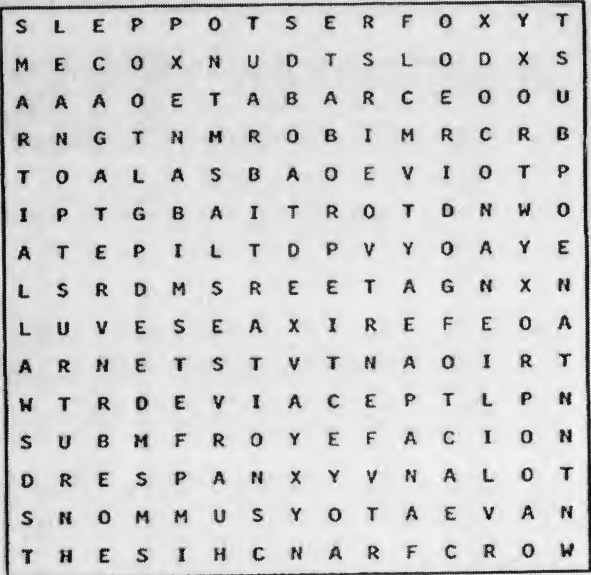
We invite you to submit questions to us on a wide range of issues that are psychological in nature. The questions might address such issues as problems dealing with family, friends, roommates or even gender identity. You just may have a question that you feel you can't ask face to face, but are able to do so through the anonymity of a letter.

Please send your questions directly to me, Dr. Bernie Chirico, Psychological Services Center, Lee 100.

Answers To Last Week's Collegiate Crossword Puzzle...



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Birth Control Clinic to Start

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Women who were seen in the Student Health Center Birth Control Clinic last year are also eligible.

All first time participants must attend one of the Birth Control Education Classes presented by the AIDS/STD Peer Educators prior to making an appointment. These classes will be held every Monday evening at 7:30 pm and every Tuesday evening at 9:00 pm. Call the Wellness Office at extension 4932 to make an appointment for a class.

Students will be seen by appointment only. Appointments must be made in person at the Student Health Center. There is an annual charge of \$35.00, payable at the time an appointment is made.

The Clinics will be held every Tuesday morning from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and every other Wednesday afternoon from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm beginning September 20, 1994.

FEATURES

How Domestic Violence Affects College Women

MWC Grad Applies Past To Help Battered Women

By Debbie Carey
Special To The Bulletin

It was 1984 and Nancy Fowler was a sophomore at MWC. Like many girls that age, her first tastes of freedom and love led her out of the dorm and into an apartment with her boyfriend. Then Fowler became a victim of violence.

"At one point he held a knife to me," said Fowler, thinking back ten years. "I found myself running outside and hiding in bushes."

Fowler eventually left her abuser after hearing of the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence (RCDV), where she went from volunteer, to court advocate, to board member. Now, Fowler is the executive director. Still, Fowler didn't think of her situation as domestic violence, she says, "because I wasn't married and I didn't have children."

Battering, the common term for domestic violence, is defined as "physical, emotional, sexual, or verbal abuse," in the RCDV flyer. Fowler, whose responsibilities include public speaking, supervising RCDV employees, and working with clients, says this definition has been adopted by every domestic violence intervention organization she knows.

The battering in Fowler's relationship started with little things: hurt feelings, petty jealousies, control issues, said Fowler, who adds that domestic violence often builds up over time.

"He threw things at me. He choked me. I spent nights sleeping in my car. He attempted suicide," said Fowler, who worked her way through college as a waitress at places like Pizza Hut and Arbucks.

Yet Fowler insists, "What I went through was nothing compared to the stories of the women I work with. Many are more violent but mine was still abusive."

"Unfortunately," said Fowler, who graduated with a B.S. in sociology, "What I went through as a college sophomore many girls are experiencing in eighth grade now."

In the state of Virginia, most domestic violence arrests fall under the heading of assault and battery, says Fowler, which is a misdemeanor, punishable up to \$2500 and 12 months in jail. It is the most frequently used criminal charge in the state. Under Virginia law, if a person is convicted three times of assault and battery, the third offense becomes a felony. The penalty is not significantly higher, but a felon loses his/her right to vote and to bear arms, said Fowler.

Fowler never told anyone of her abuse and never heard anyone else tell. Fowler felt she couldn't turn to her family since they didn't approve of her living situation. She couldn't turn to her friends; she had stopped visiting them long ago. "It wasn't worth the hell I would have to pay when I came back." This pattern is familiar, says Marion Gushurst,

professional counselor and board member of RCDV.

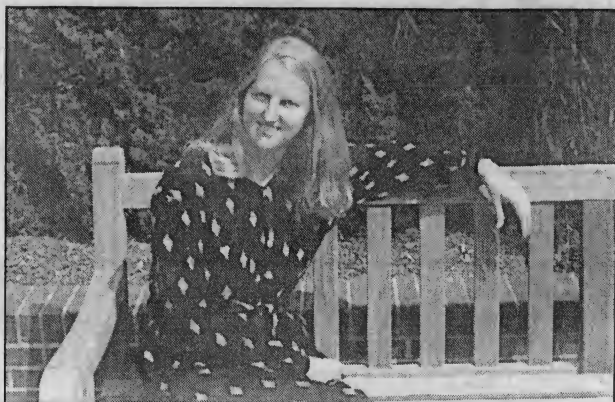
"I have worked with a lot of women whose spouses were pathologically abusive. If the wife were 10 minutes late the husband would go crazy," says Gushurst, who got her masters degree in counseling psychology at Bowie State University in Maryland.

Fowler left her boyfriend after receiving a business card on RCDV which read, "It Shouldn't Have to Hurt to be a Woman." Fowler became a volunteer.

Her volunteer work with RCDV led her to a position as court advocate, providing intervention and mediation for domestic violence disputes. This was a high-stress job and Fowler burned out, she says, but continued to volunteer at RCDV before joining the board.

Volunteers provide much of the labor at RCDV, which offers court accompaniment, temporary emergency shelter, information and referral, volunteer training, community education, and a 24-hour crisis hotline (703-373-9373). "Nancy is the person who holds it all together," says Gushurst, who is responsible for Fowler's salary evaluations as the chairman of the Personnel Committee.

Gushurst says Fowler is a very hard worker who is extremely committed to the concern of domestic violence and her job. She has worked with Fowler for three



Courtesy Photo

MWC graduate Nancy Fowler is now executive director of the RCDV.

years and finds her very quiet and modest. "She probably didn't tell you that she also serves on the state level as the Secretary for the Executive Board of Virginian's Against Domestic Violence," says Gushurst.

"Nancy has diligently increased our funding with her grant writing," says Gushurst. Shelters like RCDV's are almost exclusively funded by grants. These grants determine whether a shelter continues to operate. RCDV's budget for 1993 included an \$80,000 grant from the Virginia Department of Social

Services, Virginia Family Violence Prevention Program. This money comes from marriage license taxes, explains Fowler.

Two smaller grants from the Department of Housing and Community Development provide a total of a little more than \$12,000. Each of these three grants require Fowler to resubmit proposals yearly. "Nancy is the Queen Bee of grant writing," said Carol Ross, a night-resident manager at RCDV. Ross says that, in addition to the three grants applied for annually, Fowler was

inential in providing special funding from two other grants.

The first offers shelter clients childcare. Women who leave are granted funding up to 6 months after their departure from RCDV toward child-care expenses. The second provided new playground equipment.

RCDV's total yearly budget is under \$200,000, according to Fowler, including donations, memberships, fundraising, and fees from support groups. Salaries, (Fowler's salary is

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RAD Inspires Confidence

By Mel Myers
Bulletin Staff Writer

Editor's note: The names in the first paragraphs have been changed to protect the victim and alleged perpetrator of a sexual assault.

One night after a horrible fight with her parents, Jenny decided to go out with her best friend and talk about the fight. Jenny and Robert had known each other since they were three, and "Robert was like a brother," said Jenny. Although Robert had been acting more friendly than usual, Jenny thought it was just because she was so upset. When Jenny and Robert got into his car, Robert locked the doors and started to kiss Jenny. Jenny pulled away and told him to stop. Then Robert told her to shut up, hit her head against the dash-board, ripped her clothes off, and raped her.

Every six minutes, a woman in the United States is raped. On college campuses, every 21 hours a woman is raped, usually by someone she knows. One out of three women is expected to be sexually assaulted in her lifetime.

In reaction to statistics, Larry Nadeau and Sherry Iachetta developed the Rape Aggression Defense Systems (RAD) program in 1991. According to MWC Police Sergeant Allan Lucas,

"The RAD objective is to develop and enhance the options of self defense." The RAD program is only taught to women, Lucas said, "I don't want to teach possible rapists how to defend themselves." In response to student requests, RAD was brought to MWC in 1992, however, it was discontinued when its instructor left the campus. Lucas brought RAD back after he completed his certification training.

Lucas and Senior Patrol Officer Kenny Fowler teach the MWC RAD program. A series of four classes are taught on Thursday and Sunday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and are usually held in the Campus Center. The program is free for MWC students, and \$15 for non-students. The program starts off by giving students background information about rape and sexual assault and statistical information from the FBI. "This information lets the students know what to expect [about sexual assault]," said Lucas. The second and third classes provide students with more information

beginning to teach them the self-defense techniques in a hands-on approach. The martial arts style tactics that are taught are easy to learn and have been proven effective against assault.

The fourth RAD class is an optional one in which the students can participate in a realistic simulation training, giving the students the chance to practice what they have learned. Male "assailants" dress up in protective gear and attack the students, who are also protected. When they are being "attacked" the students can practice what they have learned on their "assailants." "Women are given the knowledge, but it is their choice to use this practical experience," said Lucas.

Although no credit is currently given for participation in RAD, "My goal is to make it an accredited class," said Lucas. Credit for participation in RAD would count as a physical education requirement.

RAD students recommend the course to other women, "If nothing else to give them confidence. In today's society, it is important to be aware of yourself and to be able to protect yourself," said freshman Marissa Ill. In addition to the RAD self defense class, a chemical weapons class will begin at the end of September. This class will be taught much like

the self defense class, but will only be four hours. Each student in the class will receive a 65 page manual that explains the techniques learned in the class. For instance, two ounce containers of mace or pepper spray are recommended. "Not the small ones because they don't put out enough chemical to effectively cover the assailant," explains Lucas.

According to 1993 statistics, MWC had more reported rape cases than any other college in Virginia. MWC had six reported cases as opposed to one each from the University of Virginia and Virginia Tech, and two from Longwood. The students in the RAD program take the class in reaction to these statistics, and for various other reasons. "I want to learn to defend myself because I'm small and especially because I'm deaf," said freshman Michelle [last name withheld]. "It gives you more confidence. Now you know what to do," said sophomore Elizabeth Rodriguez. Anyone interested in participating, the next classes will begin



File Photo

Chief Greg Perry heads the MWC Police Department, sponsor of the RAD Program.

Increased Media Attention Influences Reports On Domestic Violence

By Debbie Carey
Special To The Bulletin

Local authorities say they have seen an increase in domestic violence reports in recent months at least in part due to the increased media attention over several high-profile abuse cases, such as the Lorena Bobbitt trial and the murder of Nicole Simpson.

"A week doesn't go by without a documentary on television on some type of domestic abuse," said Capt. Charles Jett of the Stafford County Sheriff's Department.

Nancy Fowler, who works with domestic violence victims as executive director of the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence (RCDV), agrees that the number of reported cases and the number of women and children housed in the area's safe house are up, to the point that they have had to turn away dozens of women who were seeking shelter in the past year.

"We have had 11 people arrive in the last 24 hours. We haven't had time to record who just arrived," said Fowler. RCDV served almost 1800 clients in 1993, a significant increase over 1992, but Fowler and her staff have no time to tally percentages because the shelter is short staffed and overworked.

Police officials say the Uniform Crime Report does not break down which assault and battery charges involve domestic violence, making it difficult to attain local statistics. However, domestic violence arrests are up 12 percent and prosecutions are up 53 percent from 1992 to 1993 in the state, according to the Virginia Department of Social Services.

Fowler adds that these statistics reflect the tip of the iceberg, since records are only kept on victims who enter shelter programs, a small portion of all domestic violence arrests.

Officer Jim Shelhorse of Fredericksburg City Police, said that domestic violence reports are up and can be partially attributed to the publicity of the Bobbitt and Simpson cases.

Lorena Bobbitt, the manicurist from Massachusetts, was accused of severing her husband's penis after he allegedly raped her. O.J. Simpson, former pro-football player, was charged with stabbing his ex-wife after multiple reports of battering.

This media coverage has encouraged more women to report domestic violence, said Shelhorse, who explains "that men can be victims as well, but this is rare. Most victims are women."

Bill Neely, commonwealth attorney for Spotsylvania County, believes that media attention has influenced the domestic violence report rate, but not necessarily in a positive

way. While these cases have stimulated discussion and increased awareness, said Neely, "I'm not sure this impact is a good one."

Neely is concerned about the type of example Lorena Bobbitt offers to victims. According to Neely, domestic violence increases yearly by five to ten percent in this county. But Neely is quick to point out that the population continues to rise also.

At MWC Lt. Leigh Collins of the campus police said there are very few domestic

Shelhorse agrees that no particular class typifies domestic abuse. He has answered calls to the homes of unemployed men and of doctors, but says that alcohol was involved in most of the cases he has seen. He also sees similarities in attitudes of alcoholics and abusers.

"My father was an alcoholic. Abusers, like alcoholics, never accept that their behavior is their fault. If she hadn't done such and such, they say, I wouldn't have hit her," said Shelhorse. Still, Shelhorse stresses that the victim is responsible for reporting the crime. Somebody needs to know, said Shelhorse, offering his personal opinion. "The first time he hits you it's his fault," he said. "The second, it's yours."

While Jett feels that the domestic violence report rate has remained the same in Stafford County over the last two years, he believes that regionally such publicity has encouraged a greater coordination among support agencies who assist domestic violence victims and their families.

Jett, who has been on the force for 17 years, said that Stafford County police have been working with RCDV for the past two years to provide a closer coordination on domestic violence issues.

"We carry the RCDV cards with us at all times and always hand them out to victims," said Jett, who added that to the home of a friend or relative than to the shelter.

Still, the card provides victims offers phone numbers and agencies to contact when they need further support.

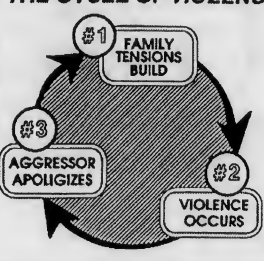
Jett said that Stafford County initiated crisis intervention training in 1980 and has kept domestic violence training a high priority ever since. At that time, state laws changed permitting an officer to make an arrest when evidence of abuse, such as bruises, broken skin, or broken bones were present. He believes training is critical and that an officer is only as good as his training.

Shelhorse holds a different opinion of crisis intervention training. He said that police academics have tried to train officers but that he doesn't think intervention is an officer's job. "Police are there to keep the peace, not to act as social workers," Shelhorse said.

Jett said knowing how to diffuse a domestic violence situation has become a top priority in Stafford County and that he is proud of this focus. Jett explained that domestic violence calls are extremely dangerous to law enforcement officers.

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THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE



violence cases handled. Collins, who has worked for 2-1/2 years with the campus police, said dorm life limits the level of that type of problem.

Assistant Professor of Psychology at MWC Chris Kilmartin agreed that campus reports would be low. "Most women on campus would probably go to RCDV," he said.

Lack of reports does not indicate a lack of violence, explained Kilmartin, who claims that stress is a common trigger for violence. He indicated that the stress of moving on campus, family expectations, and adjusting to a new environment could heighten the potential for violence.

While he once cited socio-economic issues as a major motivator to male violence, Kilmartin now believes a family history of violence is the most significant indicator of the potential for violence.

According to Kilmartin, male abusers were often witnesses and/or victims of violence. They saw their fathers' violent behavior rewarded with compliance and then model that behavior. Also, he added, the concept of masculinity has an impact when a man feels deficient in some way.

"You can be a multimedia, pro-football player and still feel deficient," said Kilmartin.

SPORTS

SHUT OUT

The Mary Washington field hockey team has blanked their first four opponents of the season and hopes to keep rolling this weekend against Gettysburg and York.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Lowe wins! Lowe wins!

Junior goalie Stephanie Lowe wins the Bullet Player of the Week, posting two shutouts last week. Lowe has had 22 shutouts in her past 28 games, including a school-record 18 last season. In 280 minutes of being in goal this season, she has made 18 saves. The goalies for the opposing teams have given up nine goals and made 74 saves in the same amount of time.



Stephanie Lowe

Todd Upsets No. 1 Seed

Senior Beth Todd defeated the tournament's No. 1 seed, American University Marianne Ward, 5-7, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2 in the quarterfinals of the Mount St. Mary's Tournament at Emmitsburg, Md., on Sept. 16-18.

Todd then lost in the semi-finals to the No. 3 seed, Clarissa Medeiros of Temple, 6-2, 5-7, 6-0. Sophomore Jen Cogar also performed well at the weekend tournament. Cogar reached the consolation finals in the "B flight" singles, losing 6-2, 6-4 to Jessica James of George Mason.

Fall Ball Wins Opener

The Eagles' baseball team started off their fall season with a double header sweep, 10-8 and 13-6, of Catholic University on this past Saturday. Junior outfielder Chris Wright sparked the offense by hitting a solo homer in each game.

In the first game, sophomore Tim Elliot went 3-4 and junior Clayton Trivett was 2-4. Trivett also pitched relief to gain the victory.

Junior Jamie Warren hit a solo homer, along with Wright's second blast in the second game. Junior Adam Wargo knocked in three runs and freshmen Tim McKenzie and Tim Deyesus each had two hits and two RBI. Sophomore Jeff Hooselle picked up the victory in relief.

Late Heroics For Soccer

Junior midfielder Wyland Leadbetter scored two goals in the final six minutes to provide the winning margin, 4-2, over Roanoke.

Sophomore forward Chris Belloch and senior forward David Holt scored the other two goals. Roanoke was the NCAA South Region champion last season. Leadbetter also scored the winning goal against Randolph-Macon on Sept. 7.

On Sept. 15, the men's soccer team played to a 1-1 tie with No. 4 ranked Virginia Wesleyan.

Freshman forward Craig Gillan scored the first-half goal and sophomore goalie Jim Hummel had seven saves.

Riding Finishes Fourth

A fourth-place finish at the Georgetown University show is how the riding team opened the 1994 fall season.

Seniors Diana Welty and Maya Haller combined with sophomores Jennifer Snyder, Faith Ann Love and Robin Birnbaum represented MWC as top-two finishers in their respective classes.

Upcoming Events...

- Sept 23-25 Women's Tennis at Eastern States Collegiate Tournament in Princeton, New Jersey, 8 a.m.
- Sept. 24 Baseball at Prince George's Community College (DH) at 12 p.m.
- M/W Cross Country at Dickinson College Invitational at 11:30 p.m.
- Field Hockey vs. Gettysburg College at the Battleground, 1 p.m.
- Men's Soccer vs. Marymount University at the Battleground, 3 p.m.
- Women's Soccer vs. Goucher College at the Battleground, 1 p.m.
- Women's Volleyball at Lynchburg College, 1 p.m.
- Sept. 25 Field Hockey vs. York College, 2 p.m.
- Riding at University of Maryland Show, 11 a.m.
- Men's Soccer in Alumni Game, 3 p.m.
- Women's Soccer vs Salisbury State University at the Battleground, 1 p.m.
- Sept. 28 Women's Soccer vs. St. Mary's College at the Battleground, 4 p.m.
- Women's Tennis vs. American University at the Battleground, 4 p.m.
- Women's Volleyball at Bridgewater College, 6 p.m.

By Eric Gaffen
Bulletin staff writer

Another stellar Stephanie Lowe performance combined with an incredible display of firepower by the offense led the field hockey team to two straight shutouts this past weekend.

"It's not just my goaltending or simply the great defense I have directly in front of me," Lowe said. "The entire team on defense from backs to forwards are playing great defense, and then moving the ball around the field effectively."

Offense mounted 83 shots over the weekend, winning 1-0 over Oneonta State University and defeating Frostburg State Bobcats in a 2-0 shutout, both on Sunday. Through the first four games this season, the Eagles have held opponents scoreless, shutting out 22 of their past 28 opponents.

On Sunday, MWC outshot Oneonta by an astounding number, 50-7. The midfield was controlled by MWC, and rush after rush ensued. Lowe received her fourth shutout in as many games, needing only four saves in each game to notch the milestone. The only goal of the game was scored unassisted by junior forward Suzy Chenault in the 27th minute of the second half.

"We've got to be more aggressive in front of the goal, work on correct placement, and get fired up," said Amy Mann, junior forward.

Despite peppering the goalie with shots in the Frostburg State game, the match remained scoreless through halftime. The play throughout the half and the whole game was mostly spent with the Eagles attacking behind the strong play of the midfield players, called links in Field Hockey. "[Junior] Carin Gsellman and [junior] Tracey King switched off at center-link, one of the more pivotal positions on the field, and really controlled the midfield," said



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Junior goalie Stephanie Lowe (right) gets ready to turn away another opponent's shot.

Meredith Jerley, junior forward.

This team's control on Friday afternoon helped the Eagles break the scoring drought in the 30th minute of the game. King handled the ball right up through the heart of the Frostburg defense and scored unassisted, putting MWC up 1-0. Sophomore forward Danielle Oleson, added the second goal within 30 seconds of entering the game, receiving a great assist from junior defensive back Katie Burke.

The Eagles traveled to Frostburg's shot total, 33-11 and took twice as many penalty corners as the host. Coach Dana Hall, the 1993 National Co-Coach of the Year,

believes her team is at the level that brought the Eagles to the NCAA Division III Finals last year. Mann also feels that the team has reached that level.

"The team is working real well together. Every year there is the transition of losing seniors and gaining new transfers and freshmen, but this team is doing just as well if not better than last year's team," said Mann.

These contests improved the Eagles' record to 4-0, after impressive shutouts over Johns Hopkins University (1-0) and Sweet Briar College (5-0) to start the season. The Eagles' No. 4 preseason ranking could possibly be boosted by these solid wins.

The four shutouts to start this season and 22 in the past 28 games dating back through the 1993 season show the defensive prowess of this team.

"Our team is a little different from last year in that everybody on the team is so versatile in playing positions," added Lowe. "We lost five key seniors from last year, but everyone has stepped up, and I would say we are possibly better at this stage than we were last year."

Understanding the game:

A penalty corner is received by the offensive team when a foul on the defensive

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Women's Soccer Falsters

Eagles Upset At Virginia Wesleyan, 3-2

By Colin Whitehouse
Bulletin Assistant Sports Editor

The Eagles drudged through three tough games this past week.

On Wednesday, Virginia Wesleyan posted a 3-2 victory over the Eagles in Norfolk, Va. Senior midfielder Kelley Walsh scored a goal, junior midfielder Stefanie Tetter punched in another goal and had an assist, and senior midfielder Mary Beth Leightley grabbed an assist. However, the offense was not enough and Head Coach Kurt Glaeser summed up the overall feeling on the loss.

"It was a big loss to [Virginia] Wesleyan on Wednesday," said Glaeser.

Despite the loss the Eagles marched into Saturday's game against Gettysburg in the MWC Classic, with some much needed confidence. Gettysburg, a 1993 NCAA Tournament team, was not up to the Eagles level of play. The result was a 2-1 win for Mary Washington.

Leightley keyed the attack by scoring

both of the goals. With only six minutes left, Leightley bounced one off the left post to seal the victory.

"It was a good victory, because we were down at half, but came back at the end," said Walsh. "We did not give up and there was no let down."

That came from behind victory did not last long as the Eagles lost the very next day to a tough Trenton State squad.

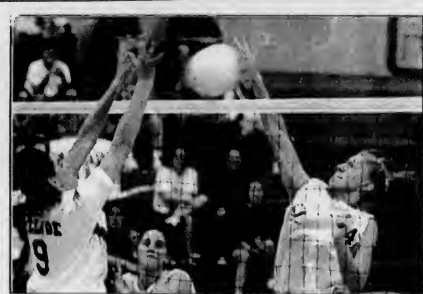
Trenton State, the defending NCAA national champions, kept their number one ranking intact as they claimed a 2-0 victory from the Eagles. The score was typical for Trenton State. They are now 7-0 on the year and have

outscored opponents at an unbelievable 27-0 clip. This loss leaves the women's soccer program with a 4-2 record as they enter a week full of CAC games.

Sunday's loss was a tough one to swallow, because the Eagles seemingly played evenly with top ranked Trenton State.

"We had one goal taken away in the first

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Brendan Kelly/Bullet

Sophomore hitter Nicole Conner gets ready to deliver a facial.

Volleyball Salvages One Victory at Invitational

By Dana Birkholz
Bulletin Staff Writer

Their energy was fantastic and their hustle raised applause from the crowd; sophomore Sarah Burgess even collided with the bleachers to keep the ball in play. Yet, this wasn't enough for the women's volleyball team this past Saturday as they walked away from the MWC Volleyball Invitational with only one win.

"I don't think anyone was upset about the way we played," said sophomore Julie Bartlett. "We're really close and almost playing at our full potential."

Junior Melissa Dowell agreed. "We got beat, but we didn't beat ourselves."

It wasn't until the fourth and final matchup of the day against Chowan that MWC walked away winners, scoring 14-16, 15-7, and 15-7 giving MWC a 1-3 record for the day. Bartlett was not impressed with their only win.

"We played better against Greensboro College, Salisbury State University, and Western Maryland College," said Bartlett. "We made mistakes at the crucial times, but personally, I don't think that we played

very well."

The day was not a total loss. Both Dowell and Bartlett came away with valuable lessons.

"We have to take responsibility for our actions," said Melissa Dowell. "We have to keep pushing."

"We get down on our mistakes, then we play as an individual instead of as a whole team," said Julie Bartlett. "As long as we can forget about our mistakes. We'll be okay."

A connection, then, among the three losses against Greensboro, Salisbury State, and Western Maryland may be the team's confidence.

"They are physically okay, but they need to pull out of their mental lapses," commented Head Coach Dee Conway.

It is definitely not a matter of talent. In their first game of the day, MWC competed against Salisbury State University. The final outcome was a close call. MWC stuck with it to the very end, finishing 14-16 and 13-15.

Sarah Burgess led the team with 4 kills and Angie Long and freshman Marianne Baldwin had 4 digs each. It was far from a shut out.

Against the champions of the MWC Invitational, Western Maryland

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Top Ten In The World Of Sports

Whasup With:

1. those throwback uniforms in the NFL on Sunday. In the Packers and Steelers case, it should have been the throw-away uniforms. It actually hurt to look at them. The uniforms were supposed to be for the NFL's 75th year of existence, but couldn't you just have left it at wearing a patch. Come on.

2. The Redskins defense, you think they might have seen the halfback option since they got burned with it the last two times they played the Giants. But oh no, with just 3:20 left in the third quarter, Megget ran parallel to the sideline, not forward at all, and threw a pretty schmoove pass for a 24-20 lead. He was just running parallel behind the line with a streaking tight end beating towards the end zone, who da thunk it?

3. Redskins quarterback John Friesz. He



has performed admirably throwing four touchdowns against the Saints and for 381 yards against the Giants. Where's the \$19 million man, Heath Shuler? Oh yeah, he's picking splinters. However, we should be happy, right? The Redskins have been competitive two weeks in a row. It's gotta be those sweet mustard-colored pants they wore Sunday.

4. Indiana State beating Tulane by the close margin of 63-0; why didn't they stop the game? It's not like it counted for the national polls or a major bowl bid. Has

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ENTERTAINMENT

Paddles Away River Cruise Offers A New View

By Keith Appgar
Bulletin Staff Writer

Fredericksburg's best kept secret has been unveiled -- a paddlewheel boat that cruises the Rappahannock River.

The paddlewheeler, named "The City of Fredericksburg," travels a seven-mile stretch of the Rappahannock, setting off from the city dock located on Sophia Street. Lunch or dinner is served on board and passengers experience a leisurely amble downstream.

The paddlewheeler moves by way of twin propellers underneath the boat, the wheel is decorative. Tilo Peters, captain of the vessel, said, "Traditionally old paddlewheelers are unmaneuverable in tight rivers such as the Rappahannock. Diesel power offers much more maneuverability."

The narrated cruise offers a lesson in the history of Fredericksburg's river, which often goes untold.

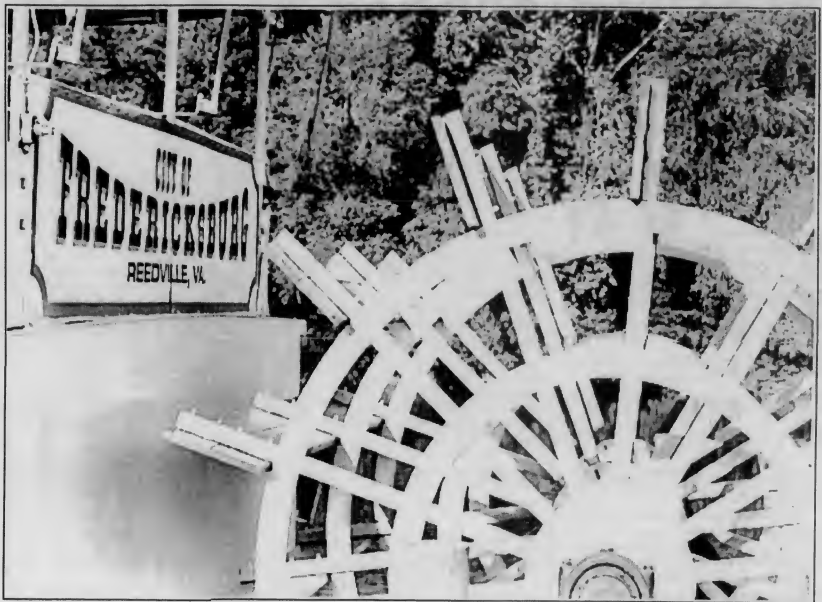
"The river has a history and we try to point out how a whole society grew up around the river," said Peters.

The cruise operates from spring to the end of the fall season. The actual cruise down the river is quiet and relaxing. The water front and shores are virtually untouched, which puts the passenger in a genuinely natural setting.

Robert Holloway, a 13-year Virginia resident said he likes the social setting. "It gives you a chance to relax. It's a great thing to bring a bunch of friends and family on."

Kim Keith, the cruise director on board "The City of Fredericksburg" feels that the cruise has a lot to offer to the community. "A lot of people have lived in Fredericksburg all their lives and they've never been down the river. It gives them a chance to see their back yard," he said.

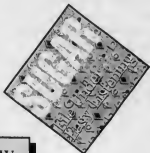
As the paddleboat travels along the river, Peters continued casting interesting facts and anecdotes at the riders who remained in full grip of the captain's voice. A waterfront home the tour passes is the boyhood



Colleen Maguire/Bulletin

see BOAT, page 10 "The City of Fredericksburg," at the Sophia Street docks, provides narrated tour of the Rappahannock.

Easy Listening Not So Easy



Album Review

By Heather Blake
Bulletin Staff Writer

File Sugar's latest rock album under easy listening, it belongs there. The band's latest album, appropriately entitled "File Under: Easy Listening," in no way competes with their previous outings such as "Copper Blue" and "Baster."

Devoted Bob Mould fans will recognize in his band's latest album their trade mark blend of voice and distortion. However, they will miss Mould's usually innovative style. Granary Music BMI served up a generic Bob Mould, meaning that the sound is there but lacking is Mould's traditional fire.

His previous lyrics from albums such as "Workbook" are of Edgar Allan Poe quality but his recent efforts with Sugar have produced a terse rhyme scheme much like Mother Goose.

In the distortion ridden "Your Favorite Thing," Mould wails, "Tell me I am your favorite thing/ You can tell me anything." For once, he isn't.

Sometime he fails even to make the effort of rhyming. In the slow groove of "Panama City" he pairs every other line with a similar sounding words such as "lead" with "head." But when he moves on to the third verse he rhymes "night" with "night." "But senior, I only have 10 dollars/ Can't you give me a room for the night?/ We argue about currency and then/ He says I can stay for the night."

The lyrics are not the only thing that Mould and his

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courtesy photo

The members of Augustus Gloop out for an evening stroll.

AUGUSTUS GLOOP

Diversity Is Inspiration To Fredericksburg's Newest Band

By Kelly Regan
Bulletin Staff Writer

Local band Augustus Gloop does not limit itself to a one adjective description. "A quizzical, amorous, erotic, eclectic, nutty, animalistic, disolute, potent, overindulgent," is how they prefer to think of themselves. Augustus Gloop, a new group in the area, is standing on tip-toes with anticipation to captivate the universe. . . or at least the city of Fredericksburg.

Guitarist Damian Siford, said "I found Drew...." MWC junior Drew Kullman said, "I found Damian...." and in unison they both say, "We all found each other!"

Siford and Kullman both pause and wait for an "Awww" from the audience. Then they suddenly realize that they're not on stage, so Siford continues on to explain that their excitement is partially due to the newness of it all. "My band, the All Natural Band, and Kullman's band, Three Bean Soup, both fell apart at the same time last spring and so we kind of just combined our talents."

Bassist Brian Durrett was also a member of the All Natural Band and joined Siford to form a triplet. In search for other band members, they came across MWC junior Kyle Crosby. Coincidentally Crosby also had a formal background playing free lance jazz and fusion in D.C. By June, the quintet was completed with percussionist Mark Snyder who has studied percussion instruments all of his life with a number of bands including Crewker and BS&M.

The band is anticipating strange and marvelous results from "jamming" (a festive creative spree of musical energy) with five talented but very diverse musicians.

"The different musical backgrounds of funk, folk/ progressive, reggae, and ska leave room for a lot of improvisation and experiment. The only common style-term would be, maybe, "energy music," said Kullman.

Augustus Gloop is particularly confident about the prospects of getting Mary Washington students "latched" onto them. Just last week on Open-Mike Night at Mother's Public House, a girl offered Damian \$5 if she could only hold his hand.

"That was okay, but it kind of threw me off when I wanted to urinate and she was following me into the stall. Maybe if Drew [Kullman] would quit getting buck naked at the shows, things like that wouldn't happen."

Perhaps, or maybe the girl didn't realize that she would have other opportunities to see Augustus Gloop. Since two of the members are students, you can often find them practicing on campus walk or at the amphitheater. Also, they're at the Irish Brigade on Thursday Sept. 22nd and booked into the Eagle's Nest on Oct. 20th.

"Our shows provide our listeners with much more than a night of good music--we dance, we sweat, we're nuts!," said Siford.

They are a tad bit over enthused but if their energy is catching on stage, Augustus Gloop may turn into something more than just another fat kid that fell into Willy Wonka's river of chocolate.

"Fresh:" Out Of The Hood MOVIE REVIEW

By Matt Withers
Bulletin Staff Writer

Imagine your heart and your guts being ripped out of your chest, mixed up in a blender and then put back in your body. Now you have some idea what your emotions will do when you see "Fresh." Not only is "Fresh" a great movie, but an extremely powerful cinematic experience.

The movie centers around Michael, a middle-school aged boy played with frightening intensity by Sean Nelson Micheal, nicknamed Fresh, is a courier for the two top drug dealers in his neighborhood. He is considered the heir apparent by everyone because of his intelligence and savvy. As one man tells Fresh, "The only reason you ain't the man because you still so little."

Despite Fresh's competence at his work, he does not suffer from delusions of grandeur. Fresh knows exactly what the drugs he carries do to people. In fact, his sister Nikki (N'Bushe Wright) is a junkie, but Fresh is able to separate what he does from what he feels, to achieve his goal in a frighteningly detached manner. At the same time he is terrified of childhood nightmares such as facing his teacher when he shows up to class late. The smooth juxtaposition of adult and child in Fresh is amazing.

Fresh's attitude towards his job changes when he sees two of his classmates gunned down in a playground shooting. Tired of the violence springing from the drug trade, Fresh decides to destroy his bosses by playing them against each other. Using the type of thinking he had learned playing speed chess with his father (Samuel L. Jackson), Fresh constructs and tries to win his own "game." The callous detachment with which Fresh plays

Imagine your heart and your guts being ripped out of your chest, mixedup in a blender and then put back in your body

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BY THE WAY. . . Local Music Scene

Sept. 22: Elderstudy Program, "Mouse and Mouseion: Information vs. Entertainment in Historic Preservation of our Region," by John Pearce, 10 a.m., meeting room 2 Woodard Campus Center.
Sept. 23: Lecture, Ridley Scott's "Alien," "Masculine Fantasies & Phallic Women," by B. K. Faunce, assistant professor of English; 7 p.m., Thrille Hall room 204, Delc.
Sept. 25: Tom DeFua; hypnotism, numerical mind games, humorist; 8 p.m., Dodd Auditorium, \$1.
Sept. 29: Lecture, "Eroticism in Hispanic Literature," by Miriam Decosta-Willis, 7 p.m., Woodard Campus Center, Red Room.

Wednesday, Sept. 21 - Saturday, Sept. 24, Sweetwater, (country), Houston's.
Thursday, Sept. 22, Augustus Gloop, (progressive), The Irish Brigade.
Friday, Sept. 23, Terry Garland and Mark Winter, (delta blues), Sante Fe.
Friday, Sept. 23, Laughing Man, (classic rock), Fat Tuesdays.
Friday, Sept. 23, Tripping on Rats, (alternative funk), Mother's.
Transgression, (college rock), Mother's.
Ground Zero, (college rock), Mother's.
Friday, Sept. 23, Blue Miracle, (classic rock), The Irish Brigade.
Saturday, Sept. 24, Sorry About Your Daughter, (hard edge), Mother's.
Saturday, Sept. 24, Tommy Lipson (rhythm and blues), The Irish Brigade.

WMWC Top 10

No.	Artist	Title
1.	Beastie Boys	Ill Communication
2.	Liz Phair	Supernova
3.	Helmet	Betty
4.	Reverend Horton Heat	Liquor in the Front
5.	Dinosaur Jr.	Without A Sound
6.	Love Spit Love	Am I Wrong?
7.	Luscious Jackson	Natural Ingredients
8.	Natural Born Killers	Soundtrack
9.	Sonic Youth	Experimental Jet Set
		Trash and No Star
10.	Kiss My A--	Classic Kiss Regrooved

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Both Jett and Shelhorne have been attacked while handling domestic violence calls. In 1979 Shelhorne, after being hurt by a husband who had tried to strangle his wife, was then jumped by the wife while arresting the husband.

In 1980, Jett and his partner responded to a "vandalism to auto" call and discovered that the vandalism had been committed by an enraged young man who had just beaten his fiancée. The two officers pursued the assailant, who then picked up a shotgun and killed Jett's partner.

Shelhorne agrees that domestic violence calls are perhaps the most dangerous calls for an officer and are very dangerous for the victim. Just last year a woman was murdered by her husband in the city. The woman had a peace bond on her husband but when a man feels desperate enough, Shelhorne said, a little piece of paper isn't going to stop him.

"He walked up to her car and shot her right in front of their child," he said.

Jett said officers share the frustration victims feel in trying to leave. "If we try to convince a victim to have faith in the system by telling them that they will be safe, we're lying," said Jett. Victims report that leaving increases their chances of being killed how can we respond to that?" said Jett.

Kilmartin verified that the likelihood of serious injury or murder is considerably increased if the victim does leave.

Fowler, who finds that many women just don't have the money to support their children on their own, said a fear of serious injury, psychological brainwashing, and emotional and financial dependency all make leaving difficult.

Still, Shelhorne always advises the victim to report abuse. Often, he said, a woman calls the police, appears in court, and says that her husband has beaten her many times before but there is no record of past calls. If there is no record, explains Shelhorne, it is difficult to prosecute. The Bobbitt case followed this scenario.

Jett said he feels the media didn't do justice to the seriousness of domestic violence when it

sensationalized the Bobbitt case. "The media made a joke out of it," said Jett. "Believe me, this is not a joke."

Shelhorne said he believes relating such stories through the press is a good thing. The public had not fully accepted domestic violence as a crime until the Bobbitt and Simpson cases. He believes that Nicole Simpson's death helped educate the American public. People don't know how serious domestic violence is in Fredericksburg where an average of two domestic violence calls are

"My father was an alcoholic. Abusers, like alcoholics, never accept that their behavior is their fault. If she hadn't done such and such, they say, I wouldn't have hit her...The first time he hits you it's his fault. The second, it's yours."

—Jim Shelhorne,

Fredericksburg City Police

answered each day, he said.

Fowler agrees that clients of the local shelter have experienced severe batterment and that those numbers are increasing. "In the past, we rarely turned away more than ten women a year," said Fowler. That number has increased three times and all beds are full most of the time, she said. The shelter had to convert a storage room to a bedroom due to the increased need.

RCDV, which was started as a domestic violence hotline by former MWC English, Linguistics and Speech Department Chair Sue Hanna, offers shelter, counseling and court advocacy for domestic violence victims. RCDV currently has 22 beds available for two-month periods. Fresh Start, its counseling program for victims and abusers, is offered once a week for 12 weeks. A children's program called "The Forgotten Victims" is geared toward reducing the pain and fear related to domestic violence for children five to 12 years old. RCDV also offers a court advocacy program.

"This is an excellent program," said

Neely. "Victims and the accused are interviewed and recommendations for treatment are offered. We try to couple our recommendations with her (the court advocate) before presenting them to the judge."

Neely's office usually recommends a suspended sentence on the first offense pending drug/alcohol abuse treatment, if indicated, and attendance in the Fresh Start program. People who have participated in the program say that the counseling has helped them learn to "fight with their hands in their pockets," reports Neely.

Domestic violence can occur between any two family members and can include emotional abuse as well as physical abuse, which includes rape.

Carole Corcoran, MWC assistant professor of psychology, said that just bringing these abuse cases out for public discussion helps. "It forces us to think, to be open," said Corcoran, who helped establish the Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault and is currently a board member. In the last two years, this council has interacted with RCDV to share information on how to listen to people and how to deal with crisis situations.

Gushurst "One good thing about the Simpson case is that it shows how a person can have a 'public image' and a separate 'private self.'"

Revealing a public figure like this detracts credibility from other abusers. Many abusers are very charming and it makes people question when everyday, ordinary people say, "He couldn't possibly abuse his wife. He's such a nice guy."

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\$28,000), health insurance, worker's compensation, and FICA totaled \$163,700; maintenance, supplies, audit fees, mortgage, structural insurance totaled \$34,500 in fiscal year 1993.

Fowler says the grants require a great deal of paperwork to obtain and to maintain. She spends hours daily on the phone clarifying current and future audit requirements, sometimes while holding a baby in one arm.

"There are always children underfoot," said Fowler, whose daily activities also include working one-on-one with clients and their children, entering information into ledgers on overhead cards, client progress, and background information to verify employment and child care expenses incurred by clients who qualify for the child-care grant.

Fowler also works with staff members to ensure that each client's progress is monitored and supported.

The RCDV team assisted a total of 1,771 clients in 1993. This number includes each woman helped by hotline calls, counseling, and shelter. The total number of shelter residents in 1993 was 222, with 101 women and 121 children. This past year, said Fowler, was the first year that the shelter had to turn away a substantial number of clients; they have been filled to capacity.

"The average woman leaves 7 times before leaving for good," said Pat Thomas, another night-resident manager. RCDV's role is to educate women on the cycle of violence, said Thomas, and to provide them with some information that will support their decisions to leave.

"If they do choose to return to the batterer, we offer them our best. Unconditional support is the most important factor," adds Thomas.

"Many of our women don't have jobs, don't drive, let alone own cars," said Ross. "It is very, very difficult to overcome all these barriers in a few months."

Reflecting back on her own healing process, which she attributes to them, Fowler said, "Talking with these women, letting them share their stories and letting them know I've been through it, helped me recover."

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home of George Washington. It was here, according to legend, that little George hurled a silver-dollar clear across the Rappahannock.

"The river is also heavily populated with wildlife," said Keith. "The river is a regular nesting ground for American bald eagles. We saw up to six eagles one day. We also have many great blue heron." Passengers can occasionally see osprey flying about the river.

The cruise conveys some beautiful scenery. The paddlewheeler journeys past a steep sandstone cliff which Peters points out has small holes carved out of it. The holes are swallows' nests and create a spectacular sight.

Though it may appear the Fredericksburg cruise is simply an easygoing tour, there are times when the riders kick off their shoes and let loose in a full-fledged, fervid dance frenzy. "The people always get up and dance," said Keith. "They like to be entertained."

Thursday nights are designated "acoustic night" with local guitar player Will Gravett performing weekly.

Friday nights, a D.J. spins rock-n-roll records and the crowd has been known to form an elongated congo line which winds and twists its way along the two-story paddlewheeler. Saturdays are reserved for live bands.

The boat is equipped with a cash bar where bottled beer and mixed drinks can be purchased, as well as a selection of virgin drinks.

Dinner is part of the cruise and is served buffet-style. The food is catered by an outside restaurant and is all you can eat. Dinner includes seafood, marinara, baked ham, chicken, dion, saffron rice, zucchini and stewed tomatoes, steamed carrots, fresh garden salad, with a hard roll. Lemonade and

unsweetened iced tea are available to drink.

Kris Kelley, a member of the crew said, "We often get compliments on the selection of food and rarely is there a complaint."

Eileen Clark, a visitor from England, thoroughly enjoyed her dinner on the cruise. She said, "The food was very tasty. There was plenty of it and a nice variety."

The cruise has been attracting people of all ages including older couples and families with young children. Peters said, "We actually attract a relatively diverse crowd and we're trying to build on that. One of the largest segments is the yuppie bunch, the 30-40 year olds." Peters and Keith both said that they are trying to get word out to the college students. Fredericksburg cruises offers a 10 percent discount to MWC students when they present their college IDs.

"The City of Fredericksburg" has a capacity to hold 150 people. The cruise goes on, rain or shine and the downstairs is enclosed with heating available when necessary.

The cruise is sold-out Friday and Saturday nights for the rest of the summer; however, there are always cancellations.

Tickets for the cruise can be purchased at the door or by reservation by calling 1-800-598-2628. Lunch is \$17.50 for adults, \$9.50 for children. Dinner Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights costs \$25 for adults, \$13.50 for children. Friday and Saturday nights dinner and dance is \$29 for adults, \$15.50 for children.

The lunch cruise departs at noon and returns at 2 p.m.

Dinner cruises depart at 6 p.m. to return at 8:30 p.m. weeknights, 7 to 10 p.m. weekend nights. There are no cruises on Mondays.

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cohorts worked at half heartedly. Their efforts are expected, repetitive and candy-coated. To signal song changes Mould has drummer Malcolm Travis change the tempo. Travis beats his drum slow, he beats it fast and sometimes not at all. Mould and bassist David Barbe play what seems to be the same chords over and over.

The rocking little hooks that set off tapping in "Copper Blue" can still be found in some of the album's slower tunes. "Granny Cool" is clever and upbeat and has some of the sarcasm that Sugar is famous for. "You with your entourage and makeup camouflage/ You're only hiding time/ Why don't you act your age." "Gee Angel" is also witty. Mould's voice slides through the electricity of Barbe's guitar as he complains about a bad set of wings he bought from an angel.

Barbe voices his own style in "Company Book." The song is a syrupy dish of alternative rock. His voice is a bit light but is a nice change

from the rest of the album without being abrupt.

The lack of quality in "File Under: Easy Listening" may be due to Mould himself. After writing and producing the bulk of the album, Mould may have overworked himself resulting in a lesser quality album.

Overall, "File Under: Easy Listening" is a disappointing follow up to the success of "Beaster" and "Copper Blue." While the songs are not technically bad they do lack inspiration. They are missing the fierce power of "Copper Blue" and the wrenching pain of "Beaster." The underlying pop hooks are still there, some of the sarcasm is still there but none of the fun.

Sugar's latest album can be found at Kemp Mill Records in Springfield Mall and at the Blue Dog in downtown Fredericksburg. "File Under: Easy Listening" won't make your dance like you've just taken a hit of crack but makes a good background buzz.

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his game is heartbreaking.

My only complaint with the movie "Fresh" is that it could have been about ten minutes shorter. For the most part "Fresh" is a well-paced and disturbingly realistic film, but near the end there are a few slow parts. Considering the final product, director Boaz Yakin should be forgiven a few extraneous scenes. Especially since he has succeeded in sculpting a movie that is realistic instead of overdone and more powerful in its understated way than any amount of overt drama could be.

"Fresh" is a truly incredible movie, but a warning is needed. It is not a movie for everyone. The violence, while not gratuitous, is intensely disturbing. The language is more foul than fair, and "Fresh" does not serve up pat little answers in the end. Instead it realistically resolves some issues and leaves others hanging. "Fresh" is a movie you should see if you can handle it, but if you cannot, then don't.

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team is called within the 25-yard line. The penalty corner is taken from the end line, while up to five defenders stand behind the goal, not able to move until the ball is hit into play. The other members of the defensive team must stand at the 50-yard line. A penalty stroke, which resembles a penalty kick taken in a game of soccer, occurs when a sure goal was stopped by a defender committing a foul. Unlike soccer, however, the ball is dead upon scoring the goal, or missing the goal. Play ensues with a hit for the defense. Offensives, the greater number of penalty corners reflects the dominant team on the field.

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half on a hand ball that I did not see," said Coach Glaeser. "That would have put us up 1-0 and changed the complexion of the game."

Even after reviewing a video recording of the game, Glaeser could not pick out the handball. Perhaps a blown call knocked some wind out of the Eagle's sails.

"We went out and gave them a run for their money," said senior midfielder Kelley Walsh. "We had plenty of opportunities, but did not capitalize."

Those opportunities were abundant as the Eagles did not take advantage of their several open shots on goal.

Glaeser agreed, "We need to be more composed on our shot opportunities."

Another area in great need of improvement is the Eagle's defense of corner kicks. During this past week's games, it became a glaring weakness.

"We must improve on our defense of corner kicks," said Glaeser. "We gave up three goals on corner kicks alone."

The overall defense, which was a major weakness preceding the season, has played admirably.

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College. Long had four kills and three solo blocks, while Dowell had 13 digs. Burgess finished with three kills and eight digs in their second game of the invitational.

Greensboro College, MWC's third matchup of the day, posed the greatest threat, statistically. The final score for both games was 8-15. MWC just couldn't get together as a team to outscore Greensboro.

Melissa Dowell said, "the key to the game is working together as a team and communication."

Junior, Angie Long leads the team so far this season with an average of 1.9 kills a game, while Melissa Dowell, another junior, averages 2.1 digs a game, the team's highest. Their new players are equally aggressive. Freshman setter, Hilary Clark supports her teammates with an average of 5.7 assists a game.

The women's volleyball team is currently 1-0 in the Capital Athletic Conference and holds an overall average of 3-6. Last year, MWC won their first CAC title. Looking ahead, MWC ventures to Lynchburg College on the 24th and their next home games are October 4th against Marymount University.

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anyone heard of a slaughter rule, anyone, anyone.

5. Deion Sanders. You know, the man that will lead the 49ers to the Super Bowl. However, 'ol Neion Deion contributed a great 31-yard interference penalty his first game. Good first impression Prime Time. He will be the difference come playoff time, but since he talks so much junk, we might as well kick him while he is down.

6. the women's field hockey team. They had 51 shots against Oneonta State Sunday but they only scored one goal. Fifty-one shots-one goal, whasup, whasup?

7. UVA football. They won this weekend, 9-6, against Clemson. I believe it was the only the second time in UVA history that they have beaten Clemson. Wow! Well, if you saw the game you'd understand w

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